I have been involved with the Internet since before there was an Internet. My college roommate, Raymond Tomlinson, is the acknowledged inventor of email. As an employee of the University of Illinois I helped install the fourth node on the ARPAnet, the precursor of today's Internet -- and was amazed at how I could share information with colleagues from Berkeley to MIT. The Internet -- and its subsequent enhancements, eg, the World Wide Web, was founded as a way to enhance the sharing of information. I truly believe that when scholars look back at the 20th century and the second millennium, the Internet will be considered the single most important invention of the last 1000 years. Free and unfettered flow of information is the very basis of the Internet. The idea that the FCC is even considering allowing carriers to stifle the flow of information by charging more for "better" flow and sharing is antithetical to every vision the creators of the Internet had. We are horrified by countries like China and North Korea that censor the Internet. Economic censoring -- by allowing, for example, rich and powerful corporations to use their financial might to "better" deliver their version of the world to Internet customers is as bad as -- nay, worse -- than political censorship. Please support Net Neutrality.
—Luther Abel, Alameda, CA

Internet has become so fully integrated into our society, that it is imperative for many important and necessary functions on a day to day basis. Restricting the public's access to a resource that we are all so dependent on in order to increase private capital will harm and impede a large majority of the population who can't or won't pay more money to access faster internet. Moving toward an internet "fast-track" will no doubt leave those who cannot afford the luxury far behind, making it much harder to perform daily tasks and interact digitally with people, businesses, etc. Please consider the children whose education will be hindered because they can't afford good internet access at home, the young graduates struggling to find employment in their field of expertise, or in any field that is hiring, without the proper tools necessary to search for, contact, or interact with prospective employers, the single parent who needs decent and affordable internet access to finish up that degree they had to postpone when they were younger, with the hope of providing better education for their children. Net neutrality is important because the internet has become far more than a source of information or a way to get what you want quicker and more efficiently; it is a necessity in our society, and allowing large corporations to restrict access to it is a risk I hope you won't take.
—Becca Taute, Austin, TX

If you slow down the internet. We will make a new one.
—Kevin Bieschke, Elgin, IL

Please represent the people and not the corporations. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Peter Robinson, Charlottesville, VA

If months of emails and phone calls can't make it clear that the American people want you to stop fucking us I don't know what will. Stop fucking around ya corrupt fucks.
—Adam Core, Kissimmee, FL

A level playing field is crucial for a capitalistic society to grow.
—Joanne Chayut, Los Gatos, CA

It is critical to our future as a democracy and our right to free speech to maintain net neutrality. It holds the greatest promise for future open communication and the advancement of civilization.
—Derek Dammers, Santa Barbara, CA

It falls under category freedom of speech.
—Meredith Blatt, Columbus, OH

Without net neutrality as a visual artist it will seriously effect and hinder the way I conduct business.
—Brent McCarthy, Brooklyn, NY

It is absurd to assume ISPs will not implement a multi-tier pay-to-play system if they are allowed to do so. We have already seen this approach with Netflix. Content and access will be modulated and controlled based on payment for bandwidth or any other criteria an ISP would choose. Consumers would be restricted to censored content as their ISPs see fit to provide. Without a doubt, it is best for consumers if ISPs are reclassified as common carriers. If the FCC is there to protect the people's interests, the decision is clear. History shows us that common carrier status has not hurt telecoms or power utilities.
—Mr. E S., Westampton, NJ

With the omnipresence of the internet today in virtually every facet of American's lives, it is ludicrous not to classify ISP's as common carriers. The data they carry is as integral to life as a telephone was, and even more so these days.
—Craig Simons, Nooksack, WA

IF NET NEUTRALITY IS GONE, THE INTERNET WILL VERY MUCH BE LOST AS WELL! PLEASE DO NOT DO THIS TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!!
—Mark Galvez, Bronx, NY

For the first time in centuries, perhaps ever, those who find themselves outside the Establishment have a vehicle with which they can express their views to much of the world. The Internet as it is at this time is an important component of democracy. Do not tamper with it. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Mr. Laurie Virr, Kambah, SC

While many industries are facing fierce competition from all over the world, the US is the hands down leader in producing companies that use the internet to transform our world. So you want to screw it all up by adding new rules that everyone who actually uses the internet hates? Its not rocket science- the only people who want to end net neutrality are telecom companies who would profit from it, and the politicians that get paid by those companies. The same companies who are so unpopular with their OWN CUSTOMERS that the fact they haven't been brought up on tons of antitrust laws is utterly mindblowing. Don't screw up the internet. Sincerely, Jonathan Gross
—Jonathan Gross, Los Angeles, CA

Ohhhh no, there is no way anyone is going to sit by and let this bs happen, the public will never, EVER be silenced.
—Latisha Whitten, amarillo, TX

Internet discrimination should be banned. There's a reason Google is standing up against you.
—Nick Hagman, Owings Mills, MD

I demand Net Neutrality now.
—Tomas James Gazich, Westminster, CA

Preserve Net Neutrality, another term for freedom of speech. The voice of the people should not be silenced by CEOs or anyone else. Keep the net free and open.
—Sue Loiselle, Locke, NY

We need to keep net neutrality. Please treat the ISP companies as utilities.
—Sarah Hughes, McKinleyville, CA

If the large ISP companies are allowed to dictate bandwidth, we all lose. Decent access speeds for online education, online research, and entertainment online will be a fond remembrance, out of reach for the dwindling and highly disgruntled middle class. Just another case of the haves vs. the have-nots which is all too prevalent in this supposedly equal opportunity country. ISPs need to be common carriers.
—Cheryl Baron, Colorado Springs, CO

Please stop doing what large corporations want you to do to improve their agenda. Do what is best for the people. Make good choices.
—Andrew Prete, Huntsville, AL

The internet is a utility. Citizens need fair access.
—Alex von Stein, Tucson, AZ

Keep Net Neutrality!! It means freedom! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Dan Ferrill, Green Valley, AZ

FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler: I am greatly opposed to a two-tiered internet system and greatly in favor of net neutrality. Please maintain net neutrality for the sake of all citizens. Thank you. Karen Cook
—Karen Cook, Salem, OR

The court clearly stated that the FCC could continue its net-neutrality policies if it reverses its decision from the 1990s to not treat broadband as a common carrier, as it had with traditional telephone service.
—David Kantz, Coloma, CA

It is my strong belief that allowing ISPs to extort businesses and services that are drawing in a lot of bandwidth (due to *customer requests*, mind you) is, quite frankly, bullshit. Customers of interchanges like Level3 expect the interchanges to peer with each other and preemptively add capacity where necessary. Level3 does this, in almost every case, at no charge to the other interchanges (see http://blog.level3.com/global-connectivity/observations-inte rnet-middleman/). ISPs are *no different* — users are *already paying* ISPs (and paying them extremely well, I might add — many other countries have had faster, more reliable, more competitive, and more inexpensive internet access for quite some time) to keep their network in shape and deliver the speeds customers are promised, no matter what services they want to use. ISPs *cannot and should not* be allowed to charge *businesses* for peering and interconnection when the *customers* are the ones driving the bandwidth level ever-higher. I urge you to consider *not* submitting to the will of the money-hungry ISPs. Whether or not Title II reclassification is the answer, find an effective, sensical way to keep ISPs from behaving outside of the interests of their customers ("That's a nice business you've got there, Netflix...it'd be a shame if something...happened to it."). Show everyone that the FCC is not afraid to regulate with a firm hand when ISPs step out of line, as they are doing now. As an aside, I'd also urge you to consider how to better encourage and promote competition in the barren wasteland that is the ISP landscape, to prevent problems like this from continuing to crop up. I have a strong feeling that if ISPs weren't allowed to collude in ways that allow them to avoid competing with each other (and if they weren't allowed to crush new ISPs under the weight of a metric shitton of frivolous lawsuits, thereby further decreasing competition), this problem wouldn't have become nearly as large as it is. Thanks for your time. - Cody Krieger Software Engineer
—Cody Krieger, San Jose, CA

Dear FCC, Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The proposed rules are unfair to the CUSTOMER (the average internet user). It monopolizes the internet experience to only the big (very big) companies and there is NO assurance that access as we know it today will be the same. STOP and consider individuals and not pander to corporations. Thank you.
—Joyce Stein, Santa Clarita, CA

Do not allow current ISP vendors to dictate the terms by which content on the internet is accessible to businesses and individuals. Due to current near-monopolistic conditions in the ISP space coupled with a history of dissatisfaction with the major players in the ISP industry by a large percentage of consumers (and businesses), we (the people) need consistent, balanced oversight with adequate enforcement in place to allow this industry to grow in a manner that is conducive to fair competition, increases service availability and supports continued growth of internet content and services. As you know, the ability to compete in the ISP space is not easy to do (due to necessary overhead for cabling and infrastructure, municipal permitting and other factors). Unfortunately these limitations, along with the use of taxpayer dollars along the way, have led to an uncompetitive and monopolistic environment that has created a large barrier for entry for new services and limits the efficacy of a market-driven solution. Internet access is required for many of us for out livelihoods, and the service has become almost as important as electricity. But choices are relatively limited, even many metropolitan areas. I do not want allow the big ISP players determine what types of content and services (through pricing schemes, bandwidth manipulations or any other manner) are available to me and the businesses I work for and with. To allow self-regulation of this industry at this point would allow powerful ISP's to act as gatekeepers between many other industries and their customers (and potential customers). And that is not good for anyone except the ISP industry. All you have to do is look at consumer satisfaction scores (which are coincident with my experience) for the major ISP providers and you'll see one of the major problems with such a perspective. The genesis of the internet was partially funded with public money (DARPA) and the maturing internet has fueled the growth of many industries that stretch way beyond digital services. Do not put that growth in jeopardy by handing over the keys to a single industry and allowing content discrimination by the ISP industry. Do the right thing, act in the interest of a majority of individuals, businesses and industries, and help keep the internet a viable driver of economic growth and information access. If that means regulation as a utility (under current law), or another effective approach, so be it.
—Kevin Hering, Cary, NC

Dear FCC, What we know of the internet today came from innovations such as youtube and google. So many people have gone through alternate routes to achieve their dreams because of these innovations, rather than having to resort to what big business wants and decides. The legislation you propose hands the keys right back to big business so they can pick and choose who succeeds and fails instead of allowing the international community to decide. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and give net neutrality back.
—Amanda Horcher, Indianapolis, IN

Leave it the Fuck alone!
—Jeff Croom, G.G. Ca., CA

We the people are all created equally on the internet. We do not need censorship on the internet.
—Gale S. Vanderella, Leola, PA

The Internet is the engine of innovation in our country today, we need to keep it open to all to foster this innovation. Net Neutrality is essential to doing so. President Obama replied to my email saying he was for Net Neutrality and against a tiered system, so why is the FCC, who works for the American people, trying to create a two-tiered system to discriminate against people based on their ability to pay? The cable companies hold us hostage as it is, giving them more control and power is the wrong way to go. They are not the innovators. We need to support the innovators and fair access to the Internet for all.
—Nancy Williams, Walnut Creek, CA

I don't live in USA, but I think that it is not fair what FFC wants to do with internet.
—Ivano, markota,

I feel the ISPs are making enough money from their customers. They don't need help from the government to pilfer our wallets even further and create extra fees to be able to use the internet. You need to throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers so that they don't steal even more from the working class. Thank you!
—Jarrod Smith, BLAIRSVILLE, PA

Net neutrality will slow the positive progression of our society. PLEASE NO
—Andrew Provost, Fort Collin., CO

Why is this even being considered?.....the people have overwhelmingly spoken and you KNOW the are on the side of Net Neutrality...
—Eric Andresen, Olney, MD

Throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Now. NOW. What are you waiting for?
—Justin Roth, Sunnyvale, CA

Net Neutrality is necessary to preserve the competitive market that the United States economy thrives upon. Any legislation or efforts to grant high priced benefits such as creating a "fast lane" for internet service is unconstitutional by way of the Sherman Antitrust Act, as well as the rest of the United States Antitrust Laws. Creating barriers for data and information by user and/or service provider is not only constitutionally irreconcilable, it is also intrinsically unethical and will allow the large cable companies an Orwellian amount of power over the content that we as citizens can access.
—Michael Herrera, Winter Park, FL

A level playing field is the right thing to do. Net Neutrality allows for future jobs for all Americans.
—Mike Chadbourne, Palmetto, FL

I think all Internet connections should be considered a common carrier of information and no operator of the equipment, wires, cables, fiber, should be able to modify the flow of specific traffic.
—Bob Bowen, Jamestown, RI

The fact these companies are trying to control the internet in such a way is disgusting. They already make enough money but just want more and more. This is internet sensorship and must be stopped! Every company/individual should be on a level playing field in the spirit of honest and fair competition! What's next, freedom of speach?? Offensive.
—Timothy Franson, Woburn, MA

Please reinstate net neutrality rules. Edge content providers need to be classified as Title II and strictly enforced, they should not be allowed to discriminate/interfere/manipul ate with traffic that goes through their lines. We, as consumers already paying more than enough to Verizons, Time Warners and other edge Internet and content providers. They have exclusive oligopoly, and have zero incentives to upgrade, there is no real competition. Please reclassify them as common carriers under Title II regulations.
—Sergey Staskevich, Utica, NY

Access to information, including the speed and quality, should not be bought through contracts and closed door meetings. Moreover, the proposals from the FCC further enhance corporate ability to easily monopolize, leaving those, such as myself, at the mercy of annual contracts for a modern time necessity.
—Desiree Fiske, Fort Collins, CO

You can preserve Net Neutrality only by classifying broadband internet as a telecommunications service under the law. Anything else is an attack on our rights to connect and communicate. It can damage free and fair trade across the globe if left uncontested.
—Preston Brooks, New York, NY

Freedom of access to information is crucial to equal opportunity. I strongly oppose auctioning off access to the highest bidders when freedom of expression and access to the web is so paramount to an increasingly global, future society. True Net Neutrality needs to be preserved for us, our children, and the generations to come. This is not a game.
—Jordan, Berkeley, CA

I believe the FCC should throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Net Neutrality should be maintained.
—Joshua Black, Gainesville, FL

TO: Chairman Wheeler, FCC Ownership of the air-waves by the people of the U.S. was established with the introduction of radio broadcasting, early in the 20th Century. The function of the FCC is regulation, not legislation. Disavow any favoritism to any ISP. Maintain net neutrality. Classify all ISPs as common carriers.
—Howard S. Cox, BLOOMINGTON, MN

Keep the net neutral. I would like you to reclassify ISP's as common carriers.
—Mike Kopek, Coral Springs, FL

Keep the net Nuetral
—Paul Ferreira, Tewksbury, MA

To the FCC: To allow a fast lane means enforcing a slow lane. Internet access is, and should be regulated as, a utility. Undo the misclassification of ISPs, and fix the USA's terrible backwards blunder once and for all.
—Alexander LeDonne, Overland Park, KS

I know Net Neutrality is right. You know Net Neutrality is right. And we both know that just because money is changing hands over this issue doesn't make Net Neutrality any less right. Ending Net Neutrality isn't "giving certain sites a fast-lane" it's making it so that small-business's websites, new up-and-coming websites, and anyone who doesn't have a corporation behind them suddenly becomes much less appealing and generate much less income for those people who actually need it. Ads will be less likely to give money to be on a "slow lane" website, customers will become frustrated if a site takes too long to load, and will be less likely to use a site. Some people make their livelihoods on the internet nowadays. Please, I'm begging you here. Don't do this.
—Sareena Toothaker, Orono, ME

privacy individuality intelligence identity and freedom of expression
—Christopher Walker, chicago, IL

Have you ever heard a postman to delay package and chaffer the money from let's say Amazon for the fact that they deliver too many packages? No, never. Because Amazon enormous amount of packages supply the demand on postal services. So postal services benefit from many packages sent by Amazon. So any postman and postal service should and is thankful to companies like Amazon that they send many packages and thereby provide growth and profit to the postal services. Comcast and other providers are like postal services and Netflix and others are goodie-makers demand generators. People use Comcast internet just because they use goodies like Netflix streaming video or other popular services. So Comcast must stop lobbying against net neutrality and say thank you to all content generators for the demand those generators create for Comcast and other internet providers.
—Andrey Chergik, Seattle, WA

I am disgusted that you are giving consideration to creating a two tier system; this will ultimately work to the great disadvantage of little, start up companies and the free sharing of information. These features are most important in how the internet has driven economic development and growth and entrepreneurialism. Enough of the madness; don't sell the internet to the highest bidder or to those who have deep pockets. Keep it as a truly democratic exercise of access and use.
—Bruce Scism, DANVILLE, VA

Net neutrality is extremely important to me. I want to keep the internet a place of equality and I want to be able to easily find the small businesses. Everyone should have equal access and equal treatment for content delivery!
—Erin Brandstaetter, Columbus, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because I want more entrepreneurs to use the free and open internet to innovate here in America. Giving the power of ISPs to slow down certain websites to favor their own doesn't benefit anyone, it benefits the ISPs. If a young man or woman in America has this great idea to deliver important information to people and the ISP slows down that data, people will stop using a slow product and pick something else. The ISPs already hold a monopoly in this country and allowing them to basically to whatever they want is disastrous. I want to see America thrive and the only way to thrive in the tech industry is to have equal internet for all.
—Ricardo Del Toro, castroville, CA

the only benefit from this is the few big companies ,its beneficial for their already bloated wallet. The things it destroys are far greater, imagine a sever slow on the progress of human and technology, and what it will do. A free internet has brought us this far, is in a amazing short time do you guys really want to destroy it, and all that for human currency ?
—Nigel de Graaf, Hoevenen,

The Internet is home to an unimaginable wealth of information and connection, from social media giants like Facebook and Twitter, to media providers and streaming services, like YouTube and iTunes... as well as lesser known content that you probably have not heard about or had much interaction with. Scientific journals and news. Webcomics. Discussion forums and blogs on a seemingly infinite number of topics. The whole of the Internet is about free and open expression. Whether it is something inane like cat pictures, or the cutting edge of scientific research, the whole world ultimately has something that is considered worth pursuing somewhere on the Internet. To discriminate content is to take backwards steps in the distribution of information. The concept of favouritism leaves a feeling of bitterness to those who are not favoured. We ask that you not allow this to happen. Thank you for your time.
—David Paul, Cabramatta,

Internet is not your property, content in the internet is also not your property so why you try to limit accessibilityto it ?? YOU BASTARDS !!!
—Damian Darczuk, Krakow, DC

Dear FCC, The American people have already paid for the internet and web development through our taxes. Under no circumstances should we now have to pay more for premium services when the money is going to Corporations who are using that internet. We want an open and freely available internet.
—T Musgrove, Suquamish, WA

Protect net neutrality! The idea that there should be a two-tiered Internet goes against the entire vision of the original Internet: a vast Internet library for all.
—Neil Madden, Gittisham,

The internet should be and remain free and open access. ISP's must not be allowed to discriminate in fees among information providers. Furthermore, fees currently charged by ISP's to individual customers must be regulated and significantly reduced or eliminated, to enable high speed internet access to all the people of the country, not just the wealthy and urban dwellers.
—H Dixon, TICONDEROGA, NY

Clearly, a monopoly on the Internet would impact everyone all around the world negatively. These companies would have total control over who gets what data in which speed. What's to stop them from abusing their power for financial gain? Furthermore, netizens would have their freedom in the Internet, something glorious and wondrous, blatantly snuffed.
—Ricardo M. Roxas II, Reina Mercedes,

Running a business is difficult enough. Pit the independent person against the corporation and you've ruined free enterprise. Small businesses as a whole create big revenue. Remove their ability to access and employ web based business, and you've sacrificed the chance for a balanced economy, and you've sacrificed the prosperity of currently successful small enterprises.
—Meghann Doyle, Qualicum Beach,

Stop bending over backwards for corporations.
—Hope Whiteside, Skeet Skeet, NY

My internet has already slowed down. We don't need net neutrality to end. I cannot pay anymore than I am paying now just for the big guys to get more money and pay less taxes..............
—Robert H Campen, hannibal, MO

The free exchange of ideas and information (without corporate control) is crucial to our democracy. Limiting net neutrality is giving away a critical part of our commons, and is an egregious form of corporate welfare.
—David Sterner, Shoreline, WA

Protect net neutrality for all Americans. Stop internet service providers monopolies.
—Ed Benintende, Stroudsburg, PA

Net neutrality is a must for the citizens of the United States of America. Do not proceed with the FCC rules as is.
—Gail Farquhar, Port Huron, MI

I thought We live in a free country. This is just one of many attempts at the powerful few to control the unpriviliged many. Do this and Watch how it will start a movement that will not be put down by greed. STAY OUT OF THE NET. we do not need someone else trying to control us through regulation of a public right to free speech. Keep it neutral.
—HVazquez Vazquez, New York, NY

The internet provides an avenue for a multitude of different voices and opinions which gives us the people an opportunity to exercise free choice and practice critical thinking. Present large company media feeds us what some government or corporate body wants. I'd rather net neutrality
—Marilyn Shirt, Saddle Lake,

neutrality is needed to maintain the internet for everyone, not those that can afford it
—David Pollman, key west, FL

You are putting the most important invention of the last 100 years in the hands of a few people who literally only care about the bottom line. I know this entire country is already bought and paid for by these corporations but can we at least PRETEND that they dont dictate all?
—Keith Dodge, Richmond, VA

The internet needs Net Neutrality so that companies can't discriminate our content and what goes on in the internet. FCC needs to stop!
—An Pham, Garden Grove, CA

Whatever you do will be undone...eventually by a just Congress and a just Supreme Court. If you're going to be Corporate toadies, so be it. The Whole World is Watching...
—Doug Starfield, Seattle, WA

Throw out the rules and reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Keep the Net Neutral!!!!
—Stephen Reynolds, Greeneville, TN

Don't mess with our internet. Keep the playing field level and do the right thing. Please protect net neutrality.
—Katie Thomas, Lakewood, CO

Please stand up to big cable and corporate interest. The Internet should be regulated like electricity.
—Christian Price, west columbia, SC

I am NOT in favor of any new rules that would allow discrimination. That would be a step back into the DARK AGES!!!! Do not allow this to happen!!
—Mary E. Weaver, San Antonio, TX

IInnovative ideas can become real products because small, new companies need not pay a premium to access high-speed internet.
—Tyler Ochiai, San Francisco, CA

Of the people, by the people, for the people......
—Scott Palmer, Sterling Heights, MI

Do the right thing--for all.
—Jeff Francois, Berkeley, CA

The fact that you've ignored the will of the consumers on this is very disheartening, and seems to confirm that Chairman Wheeler's experience as a cable lobbyist is tainting his ability to execute his duties in an unbiased manner. I urge you to reconsider this clear pandering to an industry which has already flouted the spirit of competitive industry.
—David D Okeefe, NASHUA, NH

This is a matter of the right to know and have access to information that may be life saving. It is in the best interest of the country to deny Wheeler's plan to allow discrimination. It is related to freedom of the press and a necessary part of the smooth functioning of this country.
—Roberta Rudy, bothell, WA

Net Neutrality means that the internet is open to innovation and advancement. Anything less will stifle innovation and lead to censorship of those who cannot afford the prices set forth by ISP's. Protect real net neutrality, the existence of a fast lane is unacceptable.
—Samuel Sewall, Gainesville, FL

With the federal regulation mandating digital television we lost our right to over the air analog signal. Now if we want local news we have to pay exhorbanant fees and get channels we don't need. If net neutrality dies, the internet will go by way of the cable tier format and once again we will lose a little more free speech and media liberty. I feel it is extremely vital to keep the net neutral.
—Karen Anderson, Ennis, MT

An open Internet is imperative to foster the continuing development of new, innovative and exciting services. We invented the Internet - let's not start down the path of destruction.
—Marc Albert, NewYork, NY

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Ms. Lauren Okayama, Los Angeles, CA

For the benefit of the American public, please reclassify Internet Service Providers as Common Carriers.
—Ron Beckwith, Gulf Breeze, FL

Dear Chairman Wheeler, I demand: FCC to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. - MS...
—Mac Smith, Milwaukie, OR

protect free speech . reclassify as common carriers.
—Markmonkman, San Francisco, CA

This is an INSANE plan! The ISPs ARE COMMON CARRIERS and their fees should be based on the capacity upload/download provisioned ONLY. This stupid plan equates to charging Cadillac owners more than Chevrolet owners for using the SAME highway with the SAME speed limits! Would there be another road constructed for Chevrolet owners? We have a DUMB President and STUPID Congress - is this mental impairment contagious and has it now spread to the FCC? This plan requires the middle class to be discriminated against and pay more for less once AGAIN!!! Doesn't the FCC have better things to do than find ways to screw the citizens?
—J Crasto, Bedford, NY

The free flow of ideas and communication are the back bone of a creative people, and our democracy. Keep the internet neutral and open. Otherwise, those you discriminate against will develop other options. Better to work together and keep information flowing freely.
—Patricia Cohen, New Rochelle, NY

Please do not mess with my Internet
—Pavel Suheena, Overland Park, KS

The Internet is a public commons. As such, the spirit of it is to encourage communication and commerce. If the Internet suddenly comes under the jurisdiction of the FCC (and why would it?), the FCC will curtail the potential for all Americans to access to the net (regardless of income), the potential for America to compete in the International economy, and claim dominion over something it has no right to claim. The FCC will harm America's economic future and its competitiveness in the world if it proceeds as it has attempted to.
—Arlene Spencer, Bend, OR

Large private corporations are beholden to themselves, their bottom lines and the rules that govern corporations. The vast majority o the People are shut out of these processes. The internet and information sharing belong to the Commons, just as air and water do and access to basic human needs. The laws of our land need to reflect people's desires and interests and needs, not corporations' profits and power. This is a great opportunity for the FCC to reflect true democracy at work. I urge the FCC to listen to the desire of the people and to reclassify ISP's as common carriers in order to Protect Net Neutrality, which should be a priority for the FCC.
—Celine Haugen, Rohnert Park, CA, CA

I hold a BS in Computer Science and Engineering from the University of California, and I firmly hold that failure to enforce net neutrality will hobble our country's ability to compete in the near- and long-term future. The internet must be preserved as an open and EQUAL platform where a small, well-run startup with a great idea can grow into the next Netflix, Google, or eBay; we should be removing potential barriers to these companies' success, not adding additional roadblocks that give the incumbents a better-quality connection on top of all their other advantages. No more playing games with our country's future, please. We were promised much back when the ISPs were classified as Information Services in the early 2000's, and now it's 10+ years later and we sure haven't seen the increase in competition that was supposed to bring. So let's get things back on track, reclassify ISPs as common carriers, and get back the incredible, consumer-friendly competition we used to see in the dialup days.
—Roger Sloan, Sacramento, CA

Please serve the needs of the citizens, small businesses, and education and reclassify Internet service providers as common carriers. Creating a two-tiered system would continue to divide our society into a have/have-not culture. This is unacceptable. Free speech and equal access to free speech is far too important to our nation to play around with it.
—Anna Tivol, Lotus, CA

Net neutrality is crucial to fairness and an equal playing field for everybody. If giant media conglomerates are allowed to control the speed of any website they choose it will stifle diversity of content and free speech. It will steer the internet toward a future similar to current tv and radio programming which has declined dramatically in the last 15 to 35 years or so due to an ever-increasing media conglomeration. We need a free and open internet and defining broadband as a common carrier is the way to protect it for the future.
—Jeff Neumann, Martinez, CA

Last I checked, the U.S.A was still a democracy. There may not be an official 'vote' by the people on the issue of net-neutrality, but I think you folks at the FCC have heard the voice of the people. The internet is too important to be allowed to be run by a few greedy corporations that only have their own best interests at heart. No matter what these corporations say, they cannot be trusted to do the right thing. ISP's must be classified as common carriers. And one last thing, anyone in the FCC with any authority in this process who has ever worked for or lobbied for the interests of the ISP's should immediately recuse themselves. I believe there is a man named Tom Wheeler at the top of that list. Pretend you actually learned something in your ethics class, and do the right thing.
—Mark T Williams, West Pittston, PA

Net Neutrality is important for me because I don't think its fair to pay twice for access to the resources the internet offers. I already pay for a certain downstream bandwidth to access the internet, cloud services already pay for a certain upstream bandwidth to the internet. Without net neutrality your now asking both parties to pay an additional fee to ensure that the bandwidth you originally paid for is guaranteed which doesn't sound fair or seem to make much sense. Besides, why do those providers, who built their infrastructure based on a monopoly granted by the people, get to now decide that they wholly own that infrastructure and can price gouge whomever they want?
—Christopher Viaggi, Mountain View, CA

leave the internet open and free!
—Arte Whyte, Healdsburg, CA

Do not allow net neutrality to end.
—Shea Smith, Jacksonville, FL

This is vital for me to be able to continue to work from home. Otherwise, I must move to a town that is closer to my job or pay large amounts of money for additional child care (and worst of all, spend more time away from my son). Unfortunately, the schools near my work are terrible and have gang problems. To eliminate net neutrality has many negative impacts.
—Angela Schnepf, Bloomingdale, IL

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The internet should belong to everyone...equally.
—Patricia Bigelow, East Berlin, CT

Free speech is our right under the Constitution. Don't tread on me, FCC!
—Martha Reynolds, Dallas, TX

Tom, you know this is a bad idea. Listen to the American people. Represent the people Tom, and not the people paying you money we all know you are receiving. Have real net neutrality and reclassify the internet as a common carrier. The internet is used so extensively in buisness and personal life that allowing ISP to have fast lanes would be more damaging to the USA than if every single road became a toll road for a private company. End all this madness Tom and don't go down in history as the guy who screwed everything up.
—Austin, Palm harbor, FL

I have lived through USWest DSL becoming Qwest and then dumping residential customers off onto MSN. Fortunately, I bailed before they became CenturyLink. At the same time there were cable internet issues. AT&T went by a couple of names, ATTBI and perhaps HOME? One of those just quit working with no warning. Later it was sold to Comcast. I have not had the most honest experience through Comcast, often arguing that it's their failure and not any of my equipment -- and I'm always correct. A friend and I have discontinued Comcast cable TV service, and not to sound paranoid, we've both had internet connectivity issues. I have my own domains and email server for which I pay additional since Comcast is not able to simply host that for residential customers. I've also had to purchase separate Usenet service when Comcast just discontinued it. As I rely more and more on my internet connection for streaming entertainment as well as email and internet, I'm become more and more concerned about monthly usage limits, which Comcast says is not enforced at this time. I've read that in venues where it is enforced, Comcast has simply discontinued connectivity without notice and no hope of restoring service. I strongly feel that residential internet customers need protection of service with these multi-billion dollar companies. It also concerns me that these same companies contribute significant funds to political causes in what seems an unequal way. I think ISP's should and must provide equal service to all customers and never restrict content or speed. Why, when we broke up "Ma Bell" for the betterment of telephone options, would we want to have a couple of huge ISP monopolies?
—David O. Ruberg, Seattle, WA

Net Neutrality must be preserved. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's all for now.
—Phil Konigsberg, Bay Terrace, NY

This is America, not China. We don't need net censorship!
—Tom magdaleno, Camarillo, CA

Large corporations already have too much power. Don't give them more..
—Keith Gordon, Arroyo Grande, CA

This is hardly a fair decision to let the rich have all the goodies, and let those of us who strugggle get slow connections and sub-standard Internet content. Why the descrimination?
—Joan O'Brien-Singer, Orange City, FL

The internet should be a common carrier! You work for the American people not big media. Do the right thing and do NOT tier and create a schismed internet. How can you even think this is a solution? There is ONE right solution and it's called equality for all - common carrier! Thank you!
—Jacqueline Fowler, La Porte, TX

Because I do care about this country, because i do care about the innovation, the creativity and last but not least the freedom of distributing knowledge without "tolls".
—Omar Shibli, New York, NY

The net should be avalible ta all people, without big business controlling access.
—Patrick Dunlop, Colorado Springs, CO

I think it's important because numerous people use the internet for school, work and everything else but wouldn't be able to afford the faster of the two tiered plan and would be left in the dirt..
—Britney Winkles, Mesquite, TX

The government needs to stop pandering to big businesses like AT&T, Comcast, and Verizon and help all businesses and people operate equally. Net Neutrality is extremely important to eliminate as many barriers to entry to new and innovative ideas as possible. Don't create a tiered system. Reclassify ISP's as common carriers to even the playing field.
—Lance Broderick, Payson, UT

It is common sense to keep the internet neutral. The internet is the greatest opportunity and access people have to express freedom of speech. Inequality of access and expression will greatly inhibit freedom of speech on the Internet. To do away with net neutrality is black eye against each and every citizen. People's inherit rights need to be protected, not inhibited. The value of freedom of speech far outweighs any monetary value. Please act in accordance to the will of the people.
—David Flowers, Brentwood, TN

We need to maintain a fair and open internet that does not show favoritism or discriminate against any traffic for any reason. This could create an unfavorable environment for consumers in many ways. Please keep the internet neutral and hold Service Providers to the same standards as a telecommunications service
—Geo Vanasco, Astoria, NY

Net Neutrality is the equalizer between rich and poor. If you do not like Net Neutrality then you seemed to not like the idea that America is the land of equal opportunity.
—Henry Hanna, Fairview, NJ

It has meant so much to me to be able to pursue my diverse interests ... Bees, frogs, art, people on the World Wide Web, freely steering to my eclectic non-mainstream interests. I retired early, after a 35 year banking career, in conjunction with a layoff in 2012. Please don't take that away from me.
—Susan fisher, Richmond, VA

The FCC should reclassify ISPs as common carriers in order to prevent the corrupting influences that wealth and power inevitably exert upon any system, especially a system that has become so vital for the exchange of ideas.
—Roseanne Bishop, Estancia, NM

Chairman Tom Wheeler is obviously being well paid by the cable companies.
—Myrna Acevedo, Fairview, NC

open source & freedom
—Matthew, boise, ID

Internet Service Providers that provide the service to receive and transmit information, not too unlike telephone providers, should. be regulated as Utilities
—Jere Sponagle, Glendale, AZ

THE USA IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE LAND OF EQUALITY, SO HOW ABOUT EQUALITY HERE!!!!!
—Nancy Wrensch, Jefferson, WI

It is critical for the life of democracy! Therefore it absolutely must must be reclassified as common carriers. That is the only workable solution.
—Columbia Jones, Marietta, GA

The understanding of nature should be truly free.
—Elliott G, Irvine, CA

Net neutrality is about freedom. You are taking away our freedom when you give corporations that ability to hold internet content hostage. This is unfair and undemocratic. Please make ISP common carriers. The net belongs to all of us.
—Shanita Lawrence, Bronx, NY

All should be equal in access. Our constitution states it.
—Martin W Doherty jr, Charlotte, NC

Information outlets are educational and a level playing field is important and needed to promote democracy
—Msoderberg Soderberg, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality needs to be the standard throughout the United States. A tiered system will slow development of technological processes in favor of providing corporate ISPs with additional revenue. The ISPs undoubtedly will make arguments that additional infrastructure will be needed that cost money. They will also make arguments that the cost of streaming will be born by all as opposed to limited to the ones that do it. But it doesn't take much imagination to see that with rapidly increasing technology, streaming will become almost a necessity such as telephone service to most every home and business in the United States. We have seen situations where technology was held by a few corporations. I refer to the telephone technology of the United States of the late 1960's and 1970's where monopolies held telephone service in check. Reminders that households could not add extensions or have answering machines through private ownership and necessitated to have them installed by the Bell system. Cost remained exorbitantly high and slowed technology immensely. By trying to remove Net Neutrality and instituting a tiered system this would have the same dampening effect on the Internet service in the United States that the Bell system had on telephone service before the Bell system was broken up. References keep being made as to how the United States is the greatest ever. Yet in January, 2014 Bloomberg cited a report of a study done by Akami Technologies which covered the period of July through September 2013 and showed that the United States came in 13th out of 20 for peak connection speed. Small countries like Bulgaria, Latvia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Romania beat us in speed. Technological power houses like Israel, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, and Hong Kong are easily beating out internet speeds. We need net neutrality to keep our technological development in a competitive position.
—James Ek, Bloomington, IN

Dear FCC, TL;DR: Get off your butts and do your job right. Your current stance against Net Neutrality is nothing more than an act of greed in favor of companies such as Comcast, Verizon and TWC; companies that are in no way interested in serving the people, will do whatever they want to get the bottom line, and will go even further to their own ends if you allow them to remain unregulated and classified as common carriers. The fact that this is even happening shows how much your chairman doesn't care about the people of this country. He has ties to these companies that he happens to support, and this aspect of his character shows his true colors. Nothing about classifying ISPs as common carriers will benefit the people in any way, but will allow these corporations to go unchecked and unchallenged in an already monopolized market.
—Ian Schwisow, Shelton, WA

This is another way for cable companies and ISPs to make more money from existing services. it is the kind of ploy that allows telephone companies to charge more to share a same amount of data between two devices. RIDICULOUS KEEP NET NEUTRALITY
—Guy Lafontaine, Marblehead, MA

Sometimes, people want free, fast internet at Starbucks. Other times, they just want to watch YouTube on the go, with little to no buffering. Stop this bullshit, Tom. Quit it. We all know that you're a self loving bastard, and you're just putting yourself in a worse light by pulling this through.
—Sasha Urikh, detroit, NY

Net Neutrality must remain a public utility as our tax dollars helped create it and it is part of the public sector. We have to preserve and build our public sector and work against the rule of corporations. This is so very important to the future of free speech and interaction that's affordable that also helps corporations as well as people. We have great e-commerce sites where people can buy goods and services and we should keep all this affordable for all.
—Li (Linda) Bendet, New York, NY

please reclassify the internet into a utility
—Steve Gerardin, berkeley, CA

DONT CHANGE THE INTERNET!!! KEEP IT free NOW!!! DONT TAKE OUR FREEDOM!!!! Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!.
—Jim McDONALD, atlanta, GA

Because we value free speech in this country -- don't we? The Internet may be last place average citizens still can get our voices heard.
—Noemi Zeigler, san francisco, CA

Are you really going to allow companies to discriminate against internet traffic? Reclassify ISPs as common carriers, the internet is as vital as a an utility these days.
—Ryan Le, Cypress, TX

I will not be able to have equal access to information on the internet because big companies will be asking us to pay higher fees for faster service.
—Amina Tawasil, New York, NY

FCC MUST throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This goes against everything that this country stands for. Or at least stood for should I say? This is killing the spirit of competition and is down right CENSORSHIP. Shame on all of you.
—Tim Franson, Woburn, MA

I like my internet free, thank you.
—Shawn L Johnson, Norfolk, NE

Dear FCC, Internet for us living outside the US is becoming the most important way to stay up-to-date with the newest information in every field of knowledge. Net neutrality is a way to guarantee that this access will stay equal to all. Don't kill "Net Neutrality".
—Guillermo E Reyes, San Pedro Sula,

You may not infringe upon the right of free speech and expression. You may, however, serve the interests of the citizenry of this country. Classify Internet service providers as common carriers NOW and ensure net neutrality!
—Chris Smeaton, Flower Mound, TX

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, protect net neutrality.
—Robert Cline, Saginaw, MI

Net neutrality is important because it allows individuals or small groups to have a startup online and make something worth having. If we didn't have this in 2009 my favorite podcasters over at Jupiter broadcasting would not have done any wear near as well. They would have had to pay a premium to be able to have there watchers be able to stream HD video from their site. Not even counting that they already pay per GB they use.
—Randall Klein, Maple Grove, MN

Dear FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, Net Neutrality is vital to me and billions of others. The FCC must ammend its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you. Bertha Esoldo
—Bertha Esoldo, Long Beach, CA

The internet has become essential to the citizens of the USA, just as has electricity and clean water. Routine business such as paying taxes and registering a car as well as attending higher education and staying informed of local and civic events requires the internet. The self employed working out of their home requires the internet to compete and thrive, children their parents need the internet to communicate with their schools. A democracy cannot thrive when one group of citizens is favored over another. Allowing tiered internet service will do just that, it will give an unfair advantage to those who have the ability to pay and restrict internet access to those who cannot afford it. With the internet, speed is equivalent to access, higher speed = greater access. Opportunity in the USA has already been eroded significantly creating an unfair advantage towards those with wealth and crippling those of lesser means. Chairman Wheeler, do not go down in history as the man who sold the internet to the highest bidder and turned the USA into an oligarchy.
—Arthur Auclair, Salem, NH

As a self-employed web developer, I rely on an open web to serve my clients and to pay my bills. A two-tiered Internet would potentially devastate my business, because not only would it effect me, but my clients, vendors, and partners. I already pay $70 a month for Internet that is slower than the average speeds of other developed nations. My ISP is already in the black. I'm not.
—Gus Watkins, Minneapolis, MN

To whom it may concern at the FCC, The end of net neutrality would be one of the most grievous assaults on consumers and small-medium sized business. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers at once. Failure to do so and you will be judged by history as being an institution that is bought and paid for by the highest paying lobbyists. Regards, John D'Orto
—John D'Orto, Tyngsboro, MA

Don't destroy net nuetrality! This only benefits big corporations.
—Juan Martinez, Houston, TX

The internet needs to be kept open to everybody respective of how much $$ they can spend. This is the reason it has been the innovation of our generation, so don't let corporate interests stop the innovation!
—Mr. Gandalf Archer, Auckland,

FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—PDeRinaldi, Rock hill, SC

If you take this, you might as well be taking away my rights.
—Hayden jeffcoat, slidell, LA

The internet has become a fundamental resource and should be treated as such. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Matthew Mo, Berkeley, CA

I have been designing computer systems and coding since 1966 . In the early days there was little than point-to-point access and no internet at all. That was cherished because that was all there was. When the Internet was born it became a media for free interchange. (Even if there was "trash" dropped into it. Flamed newsgroups and such.) But it was still free. A here I mean "free" in that everything was accessible at the same cost. There was no throttling or control based on any "subscription" basis. The re-assemblage of AT&T and their IP-only counterparts, Comcast and Verizon, and the FCC's proposed Internet rules are poised to change all of this for the worse. The First Amendment gives of freedom to talk with each other. We need an equivalent that gives us freedom to talk-via-IP without any monetary constraints. Please revisit your tentative decision, doing what is right for the people and not necessarily for the business interests that control the Internet. From what I know, they are making money hand-over-fist right now; they do not need to accelerate that process unduly. Thank you very much for listening. (Or, perhaps for sort-of looking at this message and pegging some counter somewhere.)
—Bob Kosman, West Chicago, IL

The Internet is like the Interstate Highway system. It is so effective because everybody can enter and move around on it, and people do not have to pay extra fees to use any parts of it. Letting companies adjust access to the Internet by what is `commercially reasonable' would greatly reduce the usefulness of the Internet - what is `commercially reasonable' for a large provider may not be convenient for many small users.
—Curtis Miller, Albuquerque, NM

Net Neutrality should be a right.
—Michael J Holden, Lockport, NY

I am not at all happy with the proposed laws and want the Internet to be a free environment. I don't believe the larger picture is being considered by those trying to restrict Internet access.
—Gideon S, Green Bay, WI

It's the only thing left that I don't have to fight to have. Advertisements already flood everything I see, please don't make everything borderline inaccessible to those who can't afford it--especially because those are usually who need it the most.
—Kelsey Chaplain, East Bridgewater, MA

No country or government owns the internet, therefore they shouldn't regulate websites or content that isn't owned by any government.
—Wyatt Scherer, Morgantown, WV

With dominant control of the news media already, the people need another voice to utilize the first amendment rights that we the people are entitled to. Many people will simply tune out of mainstream-dominated suppliers of information anyway because we don't want or like their message: that of parroting the official policies. It is reprehensible that a two-tiered system will be put into place for an Internet that must be free of any restrictions whatsoever.
—Edward J Schneider, Raleigh, NC

Our country is being over-run with corporate power. Small businesses are losing the effort to compete. At least the Internet is currently a level playing field. Please don't sell faster Internet access to corporations that can pay more. It could be the demise of those struggling to make an income over the Internet. Only net-neutrality will keep the American dream alive - with effort (not deep pockets) we can earn a living! Thanks
—Angela Murphy, Petaluma, CA

Please keep the playing field level for all, no matter their income etc. It is only fair and right.
—Susan L. Sunderman, Shepherd, MI

Who wants slow stock quotes?! Must we corrupt everything in existence? Save the internet as the vehicle invented and intended for, freedom of information, misinformation , and expression. Equal. No one wants yesterday's news, slow news...censored news. Do the right thing, keep the internet as equal access. We already pay more and get slower service as is...
—Colleen Rosby, San Francisco, CA

Are you kidding me !?! AGAIN!?! Whose pocket are you in?
—Mick Mashbir, goleta, CA

The FCC needs reclassify ISPs as common carriers. The future of businesses in the United States require it!
—Matthew Gamber, Dorchester, MA

Great ideas need to be heard... and with the same opportunity for exposure, whether the engine behind the idea is a huge corporation or a lone entrepreneur. Net neutrality ensures that the best ideas will always win, instead of the ideas with the financial backing to ensure they reach homes the fastest.
—Bradley Beyenhof, San Diego, CA

FCC, Internet access is a utility, and internet providers should be regulated as such. Please make the necessary arrangements. Thank you very much in advance. Best regards, JS
—John Skelton, Plano, TX

Having been a Computer Consultant for over 30 years and writing webpages for small businesses since 1995, I a very aware of how necessary Net Neutrality will be for the survival of many small businesses in the future. Corporations and wealthy businesses already have unfair advantages in our diminished democracy.
—Steve Slater, Paia, HI

Communities, neighbors, schools, and on and on depend upon Net Neutrality. The Net needs to be viewed in the right way, as a public utility.
—Carol Nezzo, College Park, MD

Preserve the Internet as free from fascist corporate control..Keep "net neutrality"
—TimothyMainka WithoutPrejudice, Grand Rapids, MI

These rules would be completely unfair by a proposed tier system. They should be thrown out and ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.
—Jena Carpenter, Van Nuys, CA

My first amendment rights are important to me, and ending net neutrality would threaten this right and my access to information.
—Eleanor Fleming, Franklin, TN

Net neutrality is important because everyone should have access to fast and reliable internet, rather then just to those who can afford it.
—Emmasav2000@yahoocom, Durham, NH

The internet was founded on the tenant of information sharing. Net neutrality ensures that information is shared, without limits. Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers and ensure freedom of information (and education) for all.
—Roxanne Greene, Bonsall, CA

I've made my living on the Internet for over a decade, and I've only been able to do that because it is open and neutral. Please keep it that way.
—Matt Hackett, North Hollywood, CA

Please maintain net neutrality; don't create two unequal "high speed lanes." Instead, ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers, without a special set of rules.
—Fernando Torales - Acosta, Ardsley, NY

A level playing field is necessary for public information so people can function adequately in their daily lives.
—Craig Guenther, Lakeport, CA

All Americans should have the right to freedom of speech and not be stereotyped or discriminated online or in any type of communication, whether it's written, verbal or otherwise expressed.
—Alisha L Alexander, san francisco, CA

It all comes down to the source of information. allow everyone to have the same access to information , and not allow big corporations to force their agenda upon people by muffling one side of something. information to the people!
—Tom Arne Pettersen, Åkrehamn,

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Then all providers contend on a level playing field. Don't create "haves" and "have nots" of Internet access, speed, and cost.
—Seth Kaplan, Hudson, MA

Dear FCC, Net Neutrality is essential to maintain internet access by everyone regardless of their financial station in life.
—Akua Ishangi, Newark, NJ

Society is better with a free internet. No one with a conscience should fear a healthy exchange of ideas. Wasn't the F.C.C. formed to encourage the media to be better? It was one of your former commisioners who, in 1963, lamented the media landscape becoming a vast wasteland. We need a media landscape with fresh ideas on T.V., a myriad of sounds on music radio, and an internet which encourages original thought. I rejoice at internet videos which feature hogwash detectors and citizen journalists. Please remember your mission.--and your honour.
—Donald Beasley Jr, Pittsburgh, PA

Your new proposed internet rules are terrible! It will allow AT&T, Comcast & Verizon to creat a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us! Please throw out your rules and instead, reclassify ISPs as common carriers!
—Nancy Yamachi, Honolulu, HI

Without Net Neutrality, ISPs possess an unconstitutional power to control the information citizens are able to access on the internet. Treat them like common carriers- with the same rules, regulations, and policies that phone companies are subject to. In the name of justice, you must do this!
—Alison Leonka, Chandler, AZ

It would be nice if huge corporations didnt get to own/control everything!
—Isaac Watkins, St. Cloud, MN

Net Neutrality should be available to everyone, EQUALLY... after all... this is America, not Russia! You need to reclassify ISPs as common carriers and stop discriminating based on who has the deepest pockets!
—Bernadette Levesque, brooklyn park, MN

As stated on the FCC website, one of the roles of the FCC is "Promoting competition, innovation and investment in broadband services and facilities." Why are the new rules proposed by Wheeler will ruin fair competition, new innovation, and the power of the internet to represent underrepresented voices. Listen to the voices of the American public, and even American corporations who believe in a non-discriminatory internet. The FCC needs to reclassify ISP's as common carriers and not allow major corporations the ability to regulate the internet. Since our modern era has led to an economic and political environment that exists on communication mediums, an equal internet will pave the path to equality in our society and will uphold the freedoms we have as Americans. PLEASE hear our voices.
—Drake Wilcox, Bellingham, WA

I implore you to keep the Internet free. Net Neutrality is essential for our democracy.
—Christine Tooker, hicksville, NY

How dare you simply roll over for the major companies that control the internet.
—Harold Bielstein, Rapid City, SD

I think net neutrality is critical to the health of the internet as well as the economy as a whole, and find it important for the same reason I find fairness to be important. It's the best thing for everyone involved.
—Nicholas Hebert, Rayne, LA

Please don't let corporations control our internet. Net neutrality will ultimately be as important as our constitution and the bill of rights. The access to the worlds information that the internet provides has shown to be instrumental in the rapid growth of technology and this will likely continue at an acellerated rate in the future. Please protect the internet for humankind. Please protect net nutrality.
—Paul Scott, San Luis Obispo, CA

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers. Your proposed Internet rules are discriminatory, and will accelerate the dumbing down of our culture to boot.
—Mary Hanson, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality is vital for a democracy in the 21st century. The true spirit of the first amendment is to permit equal access to content and opinions regardless of how financially well-endowed the source.
—Gary Hammond, Cortland, NY

Dear FCC: Please think carefully about the moves you make now. Giving the big corporations the power to dictate who or what has the best access to the internet is a terrible mistake. You will be placing all the power in their hands. It causes me to wonder what your agenda may be. Are you going to gain financially from this action? If they gain power, will there be additional fees on basic service that will come your way? The people of this country are growing tired of the benefits that the large corporations are reaping when the average individual is forced to suffer because the lack of competition and access is disappearing. Think long and hard before giving the "monopoly" to the corporate leaders and hurting the everyday individuals that do not utilize their services, taking that choice away. Do not classify the net as common carriers. Please consider all the players, not just the large corporations.
—Georgia Coffey, Williamsport, PA

This is completely unjust. What would our founding fathers think of this plan??
—Rolf Meyer, Fayetteville, NC

The only real solution is reclassification to common carriers.
—Gary Rice, Puyallup, WA

You have had net neutrality in your sights since Colin Powell's kid first tried to sneak the internet under our noses in 2001. Knock it off already and declare the net "free and fair". And, tell your corporate handlers to get hosed.
—Sam dunlap, Stevenson, WA

As an artist, teacher and small business owner - as well as a website designer - net neutrality is vital to the fiscal health of my and many others small businesses. Although your plan seems to pose no threat, in the long run there will be a financial downside to small businesses involved in creative development. Change that and you will effectively put the brakes on the one thing that keeps the economy growing for many artists.
—Constance Taylor Barnes, Venice, CA

By not upholding true net neutrality you would be setting a dangerous precedent
—Ash G, grland, TX

Dear Tom Wheeler, The future of the global common good is in your hands. The least you can do is re-classify what you already know to be true: ISPs are common carriers. Don't just talk about preserving Net Neutrality. Try actually preserving it.
—Ryan Powell, Baltimore, MD

Throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Aaron Michael Elliorr, Wichita, KS

Net neutrality is a matter of equal freedoms for all.
—Katharine G. Browning, Healdsburg, CA

I am one of many who can not afford to pay more for access to my family, medical and other information. The telecommunications companies are making huge profits, enough already!
—Rose Araya, Clarkston, WA

Withiut neutrality the entrepeneur environment that the Internet has provided so far, will be decimated. This may not be a problem for Internet and cable providers, however the engine of an economy are small and medium-sized business. I urge you to think beyond your lobbyist obligations, keep net neutrality a reality.
—Hebert Labbate, Boston, MA

I rely on the internet for my art business. Please do not do this. Thank you
—Chris Perry, Fort Worth, TX

The Internet is, in and of itself, a Laissez-Faire entity that is not to be tampered with. Giving the general public a slow road while giving corporate giants the fast lane is an egregious misuse of legislation. The FCC must throw out these rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It is the right way, and the only way.
—Brian Jones, New Hyde Park, NY

Please allow traffic to flow and let innovators have the same chance as a large established player. There is no need to end net neutrality I reject your proposal and urge you to stop and rethink the proposed rules
—Brian Prince, Uxbridge, MA

Because we don't need power in the hands of a few. Power corrupts. Get the message already.
—Edlyn D'Souza, Everett, WA

If Wal-Mart were given control of all roads in your city, they could and probably would, make them into toll roads. How much more would it cost to drive to Target or K-Mart than Wal-Mart?
—Stephen Killian, Kennesaw, GA

The internet is not a luxury item but a necessity. I am an unemployed, single parent. I just completed certification as an aeronautic tooling mechanic (online) and I need it to search for work. My daughters college classes communicate solely online - to cancel classes, change assignment deadlines and for peer communication. These things are not possible when using a library computer which allows an hour at a time and then shuts down. It requires access. We should not be denied full access to the internet at the best speed available without having to pay extra. It's not only a money making tactic but oppressive to the have nots. Please protect net neutrality. Thank you
—Lorelei Avery, Mountlake Terrace, WA

Dear FCC: Keep the NET neutral! Don't allow short visioned people in the FCC to knuckle under to big businesses partly controlled by big money from people like the Koch brothers. We are quickly becoming a country controlled by big corporations and not by the people. Stay strong! Stay neutral!
—David Pitts, Lilburn, GA

The elimination of Net Neutrality would place a stranglehold on freedom of speech and expression, things that the United States was founded on.
—Mark Davis, Westminster, CO

I believe ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers. The internet should be freely available, equal and accessible to all.
—Philip Kovach, Oceanside, CA

Equal access to information is the essence of the internet and protecting this basic right is part of the great democracy we live in. Do not allow corporations to dictate how we all access information and do not allow them to profit from people's inability to pay for these ridiculous fast lanes. We should follow Brazil and Chile's examples of protecting net neutrality. Or how about improving the internet in the USA so we at least match the amazing high quality internet service South Korea offers its citizens free of any of this fast lane nonsense? The internet is humanity's greatest public library, why discriminate access to it? It just doesn't make sense!
—Andrea Castillo, Oakland, CA

The unfettered field of information presently available online has created possibilities unimaginable for me just a few short years ago. The following are a few areas that my life has become better as a result of discovering inspiration and colleagues online: Artistically Creatively new contacts in Business methods of deepening my Spiritual Life PLEASE do not end net neutrality and lockdown the smaller sources of information. Please do the right thing!
—Timothy Biel, New York, NY

leave the net alone!
—Tracy Young, Scottsdale, AZ

The internet should be a public good like roads and schools, with equal access for everyone, and information all treated equally.
—Cassandra Burke, Hayward, CA

The Internet was created to be used, not abused.
—Jenny Sulmeyer, Rolling Hills Estates, CA

Don't screw up our Internet! Time-Warner cable's (and other providers) artificially slow service (compared to Europe's faster/cheaper) is bad enough.
—Ann Burkes, Endicott, NY

We want equal access for all---instead of having it tilted in favor of a few
—Neil R. Borodkin, nyack, NY

I'm a software developer and entrepreneur who has had firsthand experience of what small internet startups stand to lose if we lose neutrality on the internet. There are many new advances to come provided we allow these small internet companies to compete equally. They deserve the same shot that Zuckerburg, Netflix, Google and others got who would not be the giants they are if they started on an unequal internet.
—M Chavez, Austin, TX

The internet was built on net neutrality and it is vital to continued innovation. Also, I already pay for Internet access - why should my ISP get to be paid TWICE for allowing the same bits to flow to my computer - once from me, and once from the content providers they bully into paying to keep "fast lane" access. This kind of thing is not happening in other countries, the only reason it's happening in the US is because Internet providers are basically monopolies or in rare cases duopolies, for a given geographic area. So they are behaving exactly as monopolists do - milking it for all it's worth, at our (everyone else's) expense. Internet access at this point is a necessary part of daily life, and needs to be regulated as other necessities of life such as electricity and water. And part of that regulation absolutely needs to be net neutrality.
—Anthony Thompson, Cranston, RI

No fast lane. Got it?
—Paul Zak, Sonora, CA

extra fees for access to higher speeds is a terrible idea.
—Drew Stern, Westford, MA

Why should Netflix get a faster speed than ordinary people? Why do most developed countries have faster upload and download speeds at lower cost?? Everyone should have the fastest speeds possible and always companies should be trying for faster speeds and lower costs. Greed makes people less human . Compassion and consideration for others makes us more human and promotes peace and joy in the people.
—OFM Rev. Larry Bernard, Laguna, NM

Net neutrality is important to everyone. ISPs should be regulated as common carriers. Americans are sick of everything of value in our polity being sold off or given outright to corporations, which suddenly have all the rights of citizens but none of the responsibilities.
—Ms. Terry Bellamak, Evanston, IL

Net neutrality as it exists today is critical to the internet functioning as we know it. If the FCC ignores the overwhelming public opposition to changing net neutrality it will be another giant black eye on the organization. There is no problem to be solved by taking this action. The Internet is not broken. ISPs are already amazingly profitable, small websites are able to grow, and large websites are able to innovate. As an American citizen, I beg you to not continue prioritizing mammoth companies over the rights of individual people as so often happens in government today. ISPs in our country enjoy either a duopoly or a de facto monopoly. They do not need your help by destroying the foundation of the Internet. Thank you, Stephen Claypool Stephenclaypool@gmail.com (503)703-3639
—Stephen Claypool, Portland, OR

I don't feel large companies should be able to dictate through fees and increased prices what sites are available to people and I know I'm not the only one that feels this way. Please, since I can't appeal to your wallets in the way that AT&T, Comcast and Verizon can, let me try to appeal to your sense of fairness. Why should poorer individuals not get the same right to internet use that rich people do? Why shouldn't high schoolers from inner cities and broken homes be able to run blogs? And why shouldn't others be able to read it with the same speed and ease as finding any one of Perez Hilton's nonsensical rants about the celebrities he's currently stalking? There's no reason you can give me that will convince me that an end to net neutrality is good for anyone but the companies that get to charge us more for privilege of using their service as though we had any other choice to begin with? So please, don't do this.
—Rachel A Mann, salem, OR

The Internet is a vital part of our lives in this day and age. Allowing the wealthy to be the only ones benefiting from it's use is not Net Neutrality. The Internet is for everyone, not just the businesses that have the cash to blow.
—Sherry L. Wilber, Mentor, OH

This cannot be allowed to happen. Stop listening to lobbyists and lawyers and listen to the people that actually USE the internet to its full potential... The PUBLIC.
—William Merriott, Little Rock, AR

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers, please.
—Donald Grahame, San Francisco, CA

The FCC rules are not fair. ISPs should be classified as common carriers. There needs to be a neutral space protected for non-commercial entities.
—Sarah Lewison, murphsyboro, IL

The FCC Chairman's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Please support Net Neutrality forall citizens.
—Dr. Tadd Campbell Ph.D., Jersey City, NJ

Keeping Net Neutrality is a powerful way of including all Americans in truly free speech. We need it all the more as income disparity increases.
—Ph D. Jane M. Greiner, Dayton, OH

Why are government agencies trying to act like God? This is the era when people now INSIST on their freedom to vocalise their thoughts. Stopping them is taking us BACKWARDS into the dark ages and dictatorship.
—Madeleine Innocent, Millendon,

Would you give a better education to school children that have more money. Wheeler's plan is creating that situation on the Internet. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.
—Sam Earnshaw, Sheffield, MA

If a tiered internet comes into practice, it will become standard and everyone who can't afford to pay for priority will have their site lost in favor of companies with money. Anything but a truly neutral internet (classifying the Internet as a common carrier, like phone companies) will kill small businesses.
—Katharine Brinker, Livermore, CA

The free internet has lead to many great start ups, without it we wouldn't have Facebook and Amazon. To me it is a great ideal, one of the last truly free venues for American economic equality of opportunity.
—Cole Warlick, Lincolnton, NC

Please reclassify ISPs as common carriers to preserve the quality of the Net and prevent discrimination.
—Jerry Hipps, Memphis, TN

To whom it may concern, It is imperative that all content is treated equally on the internet. The businesses that are complaining about the status quo already make enough money. They aren't being hurt by the way the internet is now. However, actual people would be hurt by the changes that you at the FCC are proposing. The people who would be harmed are the people who are creating innovative new sites, and people like me who use the internet to research every side of a debate to formulate opinions. A discriminatory internet disables voters. It harms students, teachers, and innovators. More importantly, it hampers progress. Do you really want to be part of a political decision that will further damage our already disparate economy, as well as limit innovation that might potentially make life better for everyone? Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. It needs to be done. Sincerely, A concerned citizen
—Emily C DeFreitas, Kendall Park, NJ

I come to you as a college student who uses the internet on a constant basis and is currently taking an online course in Algebra at the moment in order to be able to finish the last of my IGETC in order to transfer to San Jose State University(SJSU). I need to use the internet for this class and destroying Net Neutrality and allowing major telecom companies to have a say of the bloody arduous and atrocious prices they want to charge for internet on the 99%. If there is anyone in the FCC who has the guts to stand up for what is right then seriously it's time to tell them "NO". Maybe not everyone in the FCC gives a care about whether the 99% are able to afford the internet or not. However this will hurt many businesses both big and small. This will hurt the website owners who sell their products online. It's more than Imperative that Net Neutrality remains as it currently is cause any means of allowing Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T to control the pricing will further throw the set order of people in need of affordable internet towards unstoppable chaos. By ending Net Neutrality you destroy any hope for it being affordable for everyone and as it is and what about schools, Colleges and Universities where the internet is needed on a Constant basis. Would you destroy the need for many student like myself to have easy access just so these greedy businesses can make even more profits at the expense of the 99% who are struggling beyond measure. Lastly before I forget, if you allow Net Neutrality to be destroyed you will have triggered a possibility of there being major chaos, and i forsee Comcast, Verizon, and AT&T's profits considerably going down the toilet. DO I need to remind you about Microsoft and what happened when they tried to force DRM(Digital Rights Media) on the Xbox fanbase. It went into total chaos as the company would have lost loads of profits. In a way this correlates to the pricing that Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon want to set for their ridiculous internet pricing. Personally I don't buy any of their BS when they say they'll make the internet fast for the average internet user. Yeah right I refuse to accept the destruction of Net Neutrality, and while I'm at it Comcast, AT&T, and Verizon can BS many of their customers and lie about pricing with hidden fees but I will never trust them not in a Billion years.
—Christopher Bosak, Seaside, CA

keep the internet neutral and keep this the greatest country in the world. regards J. H. Rucker
—Joe Rucker, Olympia, WA

Keep the internet free. Other countries across the globe have net speeds that make ours look like a joke in comparison- and we want to limit that even more AND pricatize it? Not ok. Keep it free and unaltered.
—Grant Brugger, Westminster, CO

New neutrality will make sure that average consumers like myself don't get caught up between corporate fights. Internet providers are similar to the institutions that provide us our water and electricity. They should not have the right to discriminate where and how information flows but rather serve as the backbone for all information to the public. Please support net neutrality. Don't harm consumers for corporate profits.
—Nitin Garg, San Francisco, CA

Dear Tom, Whomsoever is behind your push for a discriminating internet is very wrong and so are you for believing in what you are trying to do. The internet is the one place where a human being is equal to another human being. But you are intending to place the same rules on the internet as exist in the 'real' world; and those rules always favour the rich and disadvantage the poor. So, please leave the internet alone. Get your, and your backers, sticky fingers off it. Thank you.
—Philippa King, Melbourne,

FCC throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Why are you all doing this? You of all people don't want We the People to go against you. There are more of us than you... Corporation. Supreme Court will not win every fight!!!
—Alice Player, Santa Fe, NM

please keep the internet open! if the internet does not remain neutral then companies can discriminate against certain online content. THAT IS NOT FREE SPEECH. And I refuse to live in a "corporatacracy".
—Sarah Benjamin, bellingham, WA